

“(B) EXPENSES.—Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the co-chairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate.”

(7) In section 30442(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(8) Strike section 30443 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30443. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

“(b) EXPIRATION.—None of the funds made available by this section may be available for obligation by the joint committee after January 2, 2019.

“(c) AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the joint committee, section 20(b) of S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), shall not apply.”

(9) Strike lines 4–8 on page 232 of the amendment and replace with the following:

“(II) a State false claims act, including a State false claims act with qui tam provisions, or”.

(10) At the end of division G, strike the following: “.”

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1892

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 104, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 104) providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1892.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1941) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1892, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) Strike the first section 1 and section 2 immediately following the enacting clause and insert the following:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018’.

“DIVISION A—HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT

“SECTION 10101. SHORT TITLE.

“This division may be cited as the ‘Honoring Hometown Heroes Act’.

“SEC. 10102. PERMITTING THE FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A FIRST RESPONDER SERVING IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

“(a) AMENDMENT.—The sixth sentence of section 7(m) of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

“(1) by striking ‘or’ after ‘possession of the United States’ and inserting a comma;

“(2) by inserting ‘or the death of a first responder working in any State, territory, or possession who dies while serving in the line of duty,’ after ‘while serving on active duty.’;

“(3) by striking ‘and’ after ‘former officials of the District of Columbia’ and inserting a comma; and

“(4) by inserting before the period the following: ‘, and first responders working in the District of Columbia’.

“(b) FIRST RESPONDER DEFINED.—Such subsection is further amended—

“(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘, United States Code; and’ and inserting a semicolon;

“(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ‘; and’; and

“(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) the term “first responder” means a “public safety officer” as defined in section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284).”.

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

(2) Strike section 1 immediately preceding division B.

(3) In section 30422(b)(4), strike subparagraphs (A) and (B) and insert the following:

“(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For purposes of enabling the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, and consistent with the Standing Rules of the Senate, there is authorized from the date of enactment of this Act through February 28, 2019, \$500,000 to be allocated—

“(i) in total during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

“(ii) any remaining amounts shall be carried forward for the period October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

“(B) EXPENSES.—Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the co-chairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate.”.

(4) In section 30422(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(5) Strike section 30423 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30423. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

“(b) EXPIRATION.—None of the funds made available by this section may be available for obligation by the joint committee after January 2, 2019.

“(c) AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the joint committee, section 20(b) of S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), shall not apply.”.

(6) In section 30442(b)(4), strike subparagraphs (A) and (B) and insert the following:

“(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For purposes of enabling the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, and consistent with the Standing Rules of the Senate, there is authorized from the date of enactment of this Act through February 28, 2019, \$500,000 to be allocated—

“(i) in total during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

“(ii) any remaining amounts shall be carried forward for the period October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

“(B) EXPENSES.—Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the co-chairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate.”.

(7) In section 30442(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(8) Strike section 30443 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30443. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

“(b) EXPIRATION.—None of the funds made available by this section may be available for obligation by the joint committee after January 2, 2019.

“(c) AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the joint committee, section 20(b) of S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), shall not apply.”.

(9) Strike lines 4–8 on page 232 of the amendment and replace with the following:

“(II) a State false claims act, including a State false claims act with qui tam provisions, or”.

(10) At the end of division G, strike the following: “.”

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 104), as amended, was agreed to.

NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 400, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 400) designating the week beginning February 11, 2018, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 400) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the senior Senator from Alaska, the junior Senator from Wyoming, the junior Senator from North Carolina, and the junior Senator from South Dakota be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, February 9, 2018.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 36, H.R. 1301.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1301) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1942) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SEC. 101. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (division D of Public Law 115-56) is further amended by inserting after section 165 the following new section:

"SEC. 166. (a) Employees furloughed as a result of any lapse in appropriations which begins on or about February 9, 2018, shall be compensated at their standard rate of compensation, for the period of such lapse in appropriations, as soon as practicable after such lapse in appropriations ends.

"(b) For purposes of this section, 'employee' means:

"(1) a Federal employee;

"(2) an employee of the District of Columbia Courts;

"(3) an employee of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; or

"(4) a District of Columbia Government employee.

"(c) All obligations incurred in anticipation of the appropriations made and authority granted by this division for the purposes of maintaining the essential level of activity to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of Government functions, and for purposes as otherwise authorized by law, are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions of this division."

SEC. 102. For the purposes of division D of Public Law 115-56, the time covered by such division shall be considered to include the period which began on or about February 9, 2018, during which there occurred a lapse in appropriations.

This Act may be cited as the "Continuing Appropriations Amendments Act, 2018".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1301), as amended, was passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018, AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it

adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, February 12; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2579, and notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed occur at 5:30 p.m., Monday. I further ask that if the House of Representatives does not concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m. today; finally, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT
UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12,
2018, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:57 a.m., conditionally adjourned until Monday, February 12, 2018, at 3 p.m.